

North Carolina General Assembly House of Representatives

HOUSE OVERSIGHT AND REFORM COMMITTEE

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DISTRICT 76

June 15, 2023

Karen Brinson Bell North Carolina State Board of Elections PO Box 27255 Raleigh, NC 27611-7255

Dear Ms. Brinson Bell:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §120-14, the House Oversight and Reform Committee requests your appearance to testify on June 22, 2023, from 1:00pm until the conclusion of the hearing in the Legislative Building Auditorium.

In your role as Director of the North Carolina State Board of Elections, you have unique expertise in the interpretation and implementation of election law in North Carolina.

For this hearing, please address same-day registration and voter list maintenance. Specifically,

- North Carolina law, policy, and practice for same-day registration, voting, and verification
- North Carolina law, policy, and practice for voter record maintenance
- Presentation and explanation of voter election records online
- How a same-day registrant is added to the voter rolls and what happens to their vote, including the time it can take for each step of verification and confirmation
- Voter ID implementation plans for absentee voting by mail and in person, same-day registration, and election day voting
- Roles of observers during voting and vote tabulation
- Statistics from past elections of same-day registrations, their disposition on election day, on the official canvass, and on certification of election results, as well as the number of same-day registrations eventually accepted and rejected with reasons for that ultimate decision
- Policies and practices that can improve trust in elections

Please read this letter carefully to ensure that you comply with all hearing requirements and that you understand your rights as a witness.

Each witness who is to appear before the House Oversight and Reform Committee must file with the Committee Clerk a written statement of proposed testimony. This must be filed by 12:00 noon the day before your appearance. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the exclusion of your written testimony from the hearing record, the barring of your oral presentation of the testimony, or both. Responses to questions at the hearing should be limited to no more than five minutes per response.

Witnesses appearing before the Committee must include with their written testimony, a current resume summarizing education, experience, and affiliations pertinent to the subject matter of the hearing.

Witnesses at hearings may be accompanied by their own counsel to advise them concerning their constitutional rights but accompanying counsel shall not directly respond to questions. We reserve the right to place any witness under oath. Finally, witnesses may obtain a transcript copy of their testimony given in open, public session, or in a closed session only when authorized by the Committee.

To fully prepare for this hearing, your testimony must be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word (docx) or Adobe Acrobat (pdf) format to Megan.Kluttz@ncleg.gov no later than Wednesday June 21 at 12:00 noon.

Accommodations for individuals with disabilities, including assistive listening systems, interpreters, and materials in alternate formats, may be arranged by contacting the Committee Clerks in advance of the hearing.

Should you or your staff have any questions or need additional information, please contact Megan Kluttz at (919)-715-4466 or Megan.Kluttz@ncleg.gov.

Sincerely,

Rep/Jake Johnson

Co-Chair

Rep. Harry Warren

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